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INFO.

1. There has been a further decrease in the weekly incident total, the figure for this week being 96, of which 79 caused casualties, damage or loss. It is estimated that 64 were perpetrated by parties under 10, 20 by parties of 10 to 25 and 12 (an increase over last week) by larger parties. Forty-three incidents took place in Perak, of which 27 were cases of identity card theft. Pahang and Johore both had 19 incidents, and the number in Selangor had increased to nine. The incidents are divided into the following categories, as under:

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| Identity card thefts .....                      | 46 |
| Jitter attacks .....                            | 14 |
| Attacks on individuals .....                    | 13 |
| Ambushes .....                                  | 6  |
| Vehicle holdups .....                           | 5  |
| Damage to estate, etc. property .....           | 4  |
| Sabotage to telephone lines .....               | 2  |
| Theft of equipment (not Security Forces') ..... | 2  |
| Grenade throwing .....                          | 1  |
| Attacks on defended posts .....                 | 1  |
| Rubber tree slashing .....                      | 1  |
| Sabotage to railway lines .....                 | 1  |

There has therefore been a slight decrease from last week's figure of serious incidents from 22 to 19, but the percentage of serious incidents to the total is slightly greater this week than last.

(a) Bandits killed .... 6  
 " captured .. 2  
 " surrendered 3

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(b) Regular Police killed ..... 1 cadet ASP  
       " ..... 1 regular PC  
       " ..... 4 Frontier Branch PCs  
       " ..... 4 SCs

(c) Army wounded ..... 3

(d) Civilians killed ..... 1 European  
       " ..... 6 Chinese  
       " ..... 5 Malays  
       " ..... 3 Sakai  
       " ..... 1 not stated  
       wounded ..... 1 European  
       " ..... 1 Chinese  
       " ..... 1 Malay  
       missing ..... 2 Chinese  
       " ..... 1 Indian

3. Movement, North Johore: The information which suggests that some sixty bandits from the Mount Ophir area, about 25 miles north of Muar, may be leaving for Pahang, coupled with the sudden large increase in bandit activity in Johore during the last four days, is of special interest in view of an article which appeared in the Malaya Tribune on the subject of operational plans. It is not, however, considered likely that such reaction to the Tribune's article would take place so quickly. The bandits are nevertheless certain to be watching troop movements with particular care and interest.
4. Activity, Perak: Considerable bandit activity on a large number of Estates and inhabited areas from Sungai Siput to Tapah continues, in many cases the bandits moving about quite openly. On one occasion this week a civilian was held up at the 9th mile Gopang road by two bandits dressed in jungle green and armed with pistols. Despite their suspicious attire both bandits had bicycles, and after the holdup they rode off in the direction of Ipoh. Such brazenness is having an adverse effect on local civilian morale. Information given in PART III of this summary suggests that there may be a sudden deterioration in the situation in North Perak, which in many parts has an anti-Communist tradition. Similar information of such moves and intentions has in the past, however, not materialized.
5. Arms and Ammunition :

(a) Lost ..... 1 Sten gun  
       " ..... 3 rifles  
       " ..... 1 shotgun  
       " ..... 1 pistol  
       " ..... 40 rounds of ammunition

(b) Recovered ..... 3 rifles  
       " ..... 4 pistols  
       " ..... 1 shotgun  
       " ..... 2 grenades  
       " ..... 102 rounds of ammunition

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PART II SITUATION IN THE STATES

6. Thai Border: On 13 May a police patrol was attacked by bandits on Thai territory east of Kroh. The bandit strength was estimated at about sixty, including a high percentage of women.

PART III INFORMATION

7. Statements of surrendered bandits : On 27 April two bandits surrendered at Tangkak in Johore. According to their statements neither of them were particularly active, one being a cook and the other a general odd job man. They belonged to a unit operating in west Johore. In May 1949 the unit moved to a training center northwest of Mount Ophir, where they were joined by two parties from Malacca for training purposes, making the total strength of the camp one hundred and ten. In February 1950 a general reorganization took place and these two bandits found themselves in 21 Independent Platoon. This platoon was divided into four sections and armed with two Bren guns, five TSMGs, five carbines, a Sten gun and about 40 rifles.
- Other points of interest are:
- (a) In December 1948 each member of this particular unit was issued a kibbag, two suits of Khaki uniform and a pair of puttees.
  - (b) All serviceable ammunition and grenades were repaired within the units.
  - (c) Their intelligence was good, and all reports came from their local Civil Movement Organization, which also supplied them very adequately with food.
  - (d) In the Grisek area their food supply was excellent.
  - (e) These two bandits state that their leaders were particularly afraid of ambushes, and when on the move they always used scouts.
  - (f) An efficient communications system existed with communication posts at various points.
8. Malacca : On 21 April three bandits surrendered to a police party at Machap. These bandits are of little importance in the bandit organization in the Settlement, and consequently know little or nothing of bandit intentions or policy. The following several points are, however, of interest from their statements:
- (a) They received a month's training during which they were taught to fire a rifle and shotgun.
  - (b) Morale is generally low.
  - (c) Many bandits want to surrender, but they have to have the opportunity to escape. Also they are still doubtful about the treatment they will receive and are therefore adopting a wait-and-see policy.
  - (d) No permanent camps were built. Each bandit was given a blanket and a rubber sheet with which they made their own shelters.
  - (e) The only medicine available was quinine.
  - (f) They consider that the denial of their food supplies, and intensive patrolling of areas known to have been bandit's hide-outs have given the most trouble to the bandits.

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9. Activity in Kelantan : Various reports have been received of bandit movement and intentions in Kelantan and North Perak. If these are correct it appears that part of 5 Regiment of the Malaya Races Liberation Army (MRLA) intends to re-enter Kelantan in the near future, and the comparative lull in the area Kuala Betis - Gua Musang may be shortly broken.
10. Plans for North Perak : North Perak may shortly come back onto the news. The notorious Chik bin Arshad was identified when bandits held up a bus on the Ipoh- Taiping road on 1 May 1950. He was also seen on the Subur Estate. An ungraded report states that 140 bandits from the Betong Salient of south Thailand intend to move into the Grik - Lenggong area towards the end of May. Their declared intention is to wipe out former members of the Overseas Chinese Anti-Japanese Army (OCAJA) who are co-operating closely with the government, many of whom are Special Constables. The 5 Regiment moved into this area from Kelantan in the spring of 1949 with the same object in view, but were prevented from carrying it out by Security Forces. This group from Betong may be the newly formed "Mobile Unit" divided into three sub-units. These 140 bandits are said to be armed with 6 Bren guns, 15 carbines, 10 Sten guns, rifles and grenades. If this is indeed the Mobile Unit, then its armament has been considerably stepped up. The need for sending a force from Betong for this purpose suggests that 2 Independent Company has already been withdrawn from North Perak.
11. Batu Gajah Documents : Documents recovered in the Batu Gajah area on 22 April 1950 mention the East Committee. It would appear that this committee is a fairly important one. Reference to it was also made in documents found on 23 March which indicated that it was superior to the Batu Gajah District Committee. It may well be that the East Committee is responsible for coordinating activity in the Ipoh/Kamper/Batu Gajah area, where an efficient organization is clearly in control.
12. Movement from Schore : Information has been received by the police at Tangkak that some sixty bandits have collected in the area and are shortly leaving for Pahang under a commander who has come from there to collect them. These bandits would probably be made up mainly by bandits of 21 Independent Platoon.

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